BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Govern Open Access to Bottleneck Services and Establish A Framework for Network Architecture Development of Dominant Carrier Network.

Rulemaking 93-04-003 (Filed April 7, 1993)

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Into Open Access and Network Architecture Development of Dominant Carrier Networks. Investigation 93-04-002 (Filed April 7, 1993)

(Verizon UNE Phase)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ESTABLISHING EX PARTE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Today, a draft decision of Administrative Law Judge Duda was mailed out in this matter for consideration at the Commission's December 17, 2002 public meeting. This proceeding is a rulemaking and investigation instituted prior to January 1, 1998, and ex parte communications are governed by Article 1.5 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under those rules, rulemaking proceedings, and investigations consolidated with rulemakings, are not "covered proceedings" and there is no restriction on ex parte communications.

Nevertheless, given the technical nature of the draft decision currently up for consideration, I will require that parties report any ex parte communications in this proceeding, as set forth in Rule 1.4, within two working days of the communication. It is my view that reporting of ex parte communications is reasonable and appropriate in this matter because of the complexity of the issues

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involved in setting rates for unbundled network elements. When filing a notice of an ex parte communication with the Commission's Docket Office, parties should simultaneously electronically serve a copy of the notice on the service list for this proceeding, which can be found on the Commission's web site at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that, until further notice, all ex parte communications in the "Verizon UNE phase" of this proceeding shall be reported within two working days according to the requirements set forth in Rule 1.4, and simultaneously electronically served on the service list for this proceeding.

Dated November 14, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Henry M. Duque Henry M. Duque Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Establishing Ex Parte Reporting Requirements on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 14, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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